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FOLLOWING ARE EMBASSY ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY AMBASSADOR
MACOMBER IN REFTEL:

A. FRANCIS ACTUALLY SAW 694 US TENTS SET UP. TURKISH
OFFICIALS TOLD HIM 140 MORE WERE UP, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT
PERSONALLY SEE THESE. ASSUMING GOT ADD-ON IS ACCURATE, 834
US TENTS WERE UP BY DECEMBER 6. IN ADDITION, BEAUCHAMP AND
SWAN HAVE MORE RECENTLY SEEN 50 TENTS ERECTED AT NEW CAMP
SITE IN VAN.

B. AT VAN WHERE SHCOOLS AND OTHER BUILDINGS EXIST TO PROVIDE
INITIAL EMERGENCY SHELTER, GOT PLAN CALLS FOR PUTTING BASIC
INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE AT CAMP SITES BEFORE ADMITTING PEOPLE
TO TENTS. STOVES, WHILE CRUCIAL, ARE ONLY ONE ELEMENT OF
READYING SITES THERE FOR OCCUPATION. OTHER ELEMENTS
INCLUDE WATER,SEWERAGE, COOKING FACILITIES, FLOORINGS, AND
SIDEWALKS. STOVES ARE AT CAMP SITES IN VAN READY FOR
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INSTALLATION; A FEW HAVE BEEN INSTALLED. ON DECEMBER 8,

HOWEVER, TURKS WERE PUTTING FLOORING IN TENTS AT VAN, PRIOR TO INSTALLING STOVES. TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETING INFRASTRUCTURE IN FIRST OF TWO TENT CAMPS IN VAN IS DECEMBER 12. WE BELIEVE IT IS SAME DATE FOR SECOND SITE, BUT WE DO NOT KNOW.

AT CALDIRAN, WHICH IS TOTALLY DEMOLISHED, OFFICIALS HAD ALLOWED EIGHT FAMILIES TO MOVE INTO TENTS EVEN THOUGH THESE LACK FACILITIES EQUAL TO THOSE BEING DEVELOPED AT VAN. ALL US TENTS IN CALDIRAN HAVE US STOVES IN THEM.

C. OUR BEST ESTIMATE OF NUMBER OF TENTS OCCUPIED REMAINS THAT PROVIDED BY FRANCIS AS OF DECEMBER 6: MAXIMUM 100, MORE LIKELY 40-50, WITH MARGINAL INCREASE IN NUMBERS SINCE THEN.

D. FRANCIS AND BEAUCHAMP WERE TOLD ABOUT DECEMBER 6 THAT 286 TENTS ARE IN RESERVE AT BRIGADE HEADQUARTES AT ERCIS, MURADIYE, AND CALDIRAN, WITH GREATEST NUMBER AT CALDIRAN. PRESUMABLY THIS NUMBER HAS BEEN REDUCED NOW AT LEAST BY 50 (SEE A ABOVE). BRIGADE COMMANDER AT ERCIS CONFIRMED IN MEETING THAT HE WAS HOLDING SOME TENTS IN READINESS FOR DEPLOYMENT AS NEED AROSE.

E. METE GURER, ASSISTANT TO RECONSTRUCTION MINISTER, TOLD BEAUCHAMP THAT GP SMALLS, IF RECEIVED, WOULD BE SET UP IN VILLAGES. WHILE HE DOES NOT HAVE SOLE AUTHORITY TO MAKE SUCH A DETERMINATION, WE BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT MANY OF OUR SMALL TENTS WILL GO OUT TO VILLAGES. NESSIM SHALLON, UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE, BELIEVES THAT TURKS WILL USE ADDITIONAL TENTS MAINLY IN VILLAGES. CHARGE'S CONVERSATION WITH MFA DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS PERTEV SUBASI (PARA F) ALSO SEEMED TO SUGGEST THAT THIS WOULD BE THE CASE.

F. AMBASSADOR SUBASI INFORMED CHARGE' TODAY THAT TURKISH GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE COORDINATING VAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF HAS JUST DECIDED TO MOVE TENTS FROM CAMP SITES TO VILLAGES IN NUMBERS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SHELTER TO PEOPLE WHO WILL NOT MOVE TO SITES. EMBOFFS HAVE SEEN THOUSANDS OF INADEQUATE KIZILAY TENTS NOW IN VILLAGES THAT COULD BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPLACED BY GP SMALLS).

G. UNDP RECIEVED REQUEST DIRECTLY FROM MINISTER OF RECONSTRUCTION FOR 2,000 WINTER-WEIGHT TENTS AND SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT USG SUPPLY 1,000 OF THESE. MFA IN ADDITION TRANSMITTED SAME REQUEST TO UNDP. UNDP HAS REPEATEDLY REMINED EMBASSYOF GOT REQUEST. UNDER SECRETARY OF RECONSTRUCTION EXPRESSED HOPE TO E/C COUNSELOR

NOVEMBER 30 THAT USG COULD SUPPLY 1,000 MORE TENTS.
LT GEN AYSUN, MILITARY COMMANDER IN VAN EARTHQUAKE REGION,
METE GURER AND KIZILAY DIRECTOR IN VAN HAVE ALL REPEATEDLY
ASKED FRANCIS AND BEAUCHAMP FOR 1,000 TENTS.

GOT AND TURKISH RED CRESCENT HAVE SUPPLIED VAST
MAJORITY OF ALL TENTS, INADEQUATE AS THESE ARE. USG HAS
SUPPLIED MORE TENTS THAN ANY OTHER FOREIGN DONOR. UNDP
RECORDS AS OF DECEMBER 10 HOW THAT 3,462 TENTS HAVE BEEN
SUPPLIED BY OTHER FOREIGN DONORS PLUS UNSPECIFIED AMOUNTS
THAT ARE ON THE WAY FROM FIVE OTHER COUNTRIES.

GOT CONSIDERS MOST NON-US TENTS INADEQUATE FOR SEVERE
WEATHER.
BERGUS

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